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- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 with cited references
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A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
*C1037.70050US01	10/952,254	September 27, 2004	Uhlmann et al.
*C1039.70020US01	10/921,086	August 18, 2004	Krieg et al.
*C1039.70048US11	10/928,762	August 26, 2004	Krieg et al.
C1040.70010US00	09/768,012	January 22, 2001	McCluskie et al.
*C1041.70005US02	10/894,655	July 16, 2004	Wagner et al.

*a copy of this reference is not provided as the Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent application filed after June 30, 2003 and for applications filed before June 30, 2003, or that entered the national stage before June 30, 2003, if they are scanned to Image File Wrapper system and are available on Private PAIR.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Type of Communication</u>
C1039.70054EP00	01202811.4	27 July 2004	European Search Report
C1039.70055EP00	01202813.0	28 July 2004	European Search Report
C1039.70056EP00	01202814.8	26 July 2004	European Search Report

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

Comments Regarding Pending Interference No 105,171

Applicants of the instant patent application are also named inventors on an issued patent US Patent No. 6,207,646 B1 which is currently involved in an Interference (Interference No. 836514.1

105,171). The instant patent application derives priority from US 6,207,646 B1. In view of the priority, Applicants have included on the attached 1449 a listing of the remainder of the motions filed in the Interference to date. Copies of the original preliminary motions were filed in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed to the Patent Office on August 25, 2004. Copies are enclosed for the Examiner's review. If the examiner would like any additional information on this subject she is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

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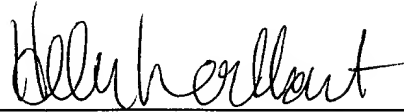
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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